

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: Henry Stussi House

COUNTY: Washington

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Stillwater

LEGAL DESC.: North 500 feet of the W $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 18, Township 30, Range 20.

ADDRESS:  
9097 Mendel Road  
(Hwy. 96 at Mendel Road)

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent <u>X</u>	Local <u>X</u>	Primary Commerce
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary Architecture
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes \_\_\_ No X Restricted \_\_\_  
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No \_\_\_  
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No \_\_\_

PRESENT USE:  
Residence

DATE CONSTRUCTED: Late 1870s

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ORIGINAL OWNER: Henry Stussi

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: see below

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Peter Markuson  
9097 Mendel Road North  
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082

ACREAGE: Less than one acre \_\_\_\_\_  
Less than 9 acres X

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: N/A

UTM REFERENCE:  
Stillwater, Minn-Wis. 7.5

FORM PREPARED BY: Thomas Harvey  
DATE: March 1981

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DESCRIPTION:

The Henry Stussi House, with its cruciform plan, two-story design embellished with a three-story tower, decorative sawn woodwork, and varied window treatment, is one of Washington County's most distinctive rural residences. The brick dwelling has a stone foundation and heavy stone corner pilasters on the front facade. The cross-gable roofs are trimmed with pendants and finials, a design repeated on the tower roof. Wood posts and railings are found on a corner porch. Window design varies - round, segmental-arched, and round arched windows are found in the main mass of the house. The third level of the tower has lancet windows. The round arches have stone surrounds; the segmental arches are emphasized in raised brick. Eastlake detailing is restrained, but remains intact.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The rural setting near Twin Lakes and overall design and integrity make the Henry Stussi House a high point of the county's rural domestic architecture. The house design is from Palliser and Palliser's American Cottage Homes. The Stussi house is a modification of Design 24, a "convenient Cottage home of six rooms, with Tower, which is designed to command a view of the surrounding country where erected." Stussi was active in the flour and feed milling industry in Stillwater as well as in the ice industry. He moved to Stillwater in 1871 and bought the Rutherford and Booth's Washington Flour Mill, upgrading the mill operation by putting in a new race and dam, adding a new purifier, and adding another run of stone. In the later part of the 1870 decade Stussi moved to Twin Lakes to engage in farming and the ice business.